## **PATENT**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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## **AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Director of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

May 23, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2000 (the period for response having been extended by the Petition for Extension of Time attached hereto), please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-3, 5,9, 12-14 and 17-18 without prejudice and amend the following claims:

4. (Amended) The method according to [claim 3] claims 19-22, wherein the lectin is one [capable of binding to] which can be eluted by L-fucose, D-galactose, [or] N-acetyl-d-

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